

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Friday, 6 June 2025 (09:30 – 13:00 CET)

Copa Cogeca (Meeting Room B), Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Brussels

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère

09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (27.03.25)

09:40 Action points

- State-of-play of the action points of the last meeting - information

09:45 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representatives (MARE B3), including:
 - Indonesia (negotiation of Free Trade Agreement)
 - Mercosur (entry into force of Free Trade Agreement)
 - Norway (farmed Atlantic salmon cartel case, export ban on “production grade” farmed salmon, potential applicability of revised Regulation (EU) No 1026/2012)
 - Thailand (negotiation of Free Trade Agreement)
 - USA (impact of new trade tariffs)
- Update on public consultation on the potential integration of sustainability criteria under the Autonomous Tariff Quotas for fishery products by Commission representatives (MARE B3)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

10:45 Food and Agriculture Organisation

- Update on the EU's mandate for the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (8-12 September 2025) by Commission representatives (MARE B3)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:15 Break

11:30 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

- Overview of existing procedures and dialogues with third countries by Commission representatives (MARE B4)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward



12:15 Fisheries Control

- Presentation of the outcomes of the Fish-X project by Laure Guillevic (WWF)
- Exchange of views

12:50 AOB

12:55 Summary of action items

13:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Trade	Under the Work Programme, trade developments are a priority. It is established practice for Commission representatives to deliver updates on the latest trade policy developments affecting the market. There are several ongoing trade negotiations of relevance, including with Indonesia, Mercosur, and Thailand. Concerning Norway, the Commission launched proceedings against six companies due to a cartel in farmed Atlantic salmon case. DG TRADE identified the export ban on Norwegian farmed salmon as a trade barrier. The USA announced new tariffs against the EU. On 10 April 2025, the Commission launched a public consultation on the potential integration of sustainability criteria under the Autonomous Tariff Quotas for fishery products.	Presentation and exchange with DG MARE representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU – Indonesia Trade - EU – Mercosur Trade - EU – Thailand Trade - Cartel case (Norway) - Trade barrier (Norway) - Advice (Thailand) - Advice (Norway) - Consultation (ATQ) - Advice (ATQ)
Information + Decision	Food and Agriculture Organisation	Every two years, the Food and Agriculture Organisation hold a meeting of the Committee on Fisheries. In the alternating years, meetings of the corresponding sub-committees, including the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade take place. The next meeting will take place from 8 to 12 September 2025 in virtual format. The Commission will prepare the mandate of the EU for the meeting. In the past, the MAC participated in the EU delegation to the Committee on Fisheries.	Update on the preparation of the EU’s mandate for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee. Decision on way forward (e.g., participation in the EU delegation, adoption of advice on the mandate).	- Sub-Committee
Information + Decision	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	Under the EU IUU Regulation, the Commission can take steps against third countries not taking action against illegal fishing activities. First, the Commission issues a	Update by DG MARE representatives on ongoing procedures and dialogues	- Overview

		<p>warning (“yellow card”). If the country is still not complying, the Commission will identify the country as non-cooperating (“red card”). Fisheries products from identified countries are banned from the EU market. It is established practice for DG MARE to provide an annual update to the MAC.</p>	<p>regarding third countries. Decision on way forward (e.g., monitoring developments, drafting advice on specific third country).</p>	
Information	Fisheries Control	<p>The Fish-X Project is a three-year project co-funded by the Horizon Europe Programme. The project aims at developing a Fisheries Dataspace (Fish-X), an Insight Platform, and a Traceability Application to support the objectives of Common Fisheries Policy, EU Green Deal, and Farm to Fork Strategy. It aims at overcoming key sets of challenges including collection and sharing of data, in particular from small-scale and recreational fisheries; and accessing, managing, and utilising data to strengthen the monitoring and control as well as the sustainability of EU fisheries.</p>	<p>Presentation of the outcomes of the project by WWF representative.</p>	<p>- Project</p>